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IN RE APPLICATION

OF: MARCZINKE ET AL.

CONFIRMATION No.: 9750

SERIAL No. 09/601,356

GROUP ART UNIT: 1732

FILED: AUGUST 01, 2000

EXAMINER:

SUZANNE E. McDOWELL

FOR: INJECTION STRECH BLOW MOLDED CONTAINERS MADE FROM OLEFIN
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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In reply to the Office action of August 29, 2003, it is respectfully requested that the following remarks be entered and considered for further prosecution of the above-identified application:

R E M A R K S

Claims 1 to 6 as preliminarily amended upon filing the application are pending in this case.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1 to 4 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable in light of the teaching of *Oas et al.* (US 4,357,288) when taken in view of the disclosure of *Bidell et al.* (WO 98/01481¹). More particularly, the Examiner contends that it would have been obvious for a person having ordinary skill in the art to employ the polypropylenes obtained by the process using metallocene

1) WO 98/01481 corresponds to US 6,265,339 which will be referenced in the following.